

A FIX WITH THE SONTARANS

PART TWO

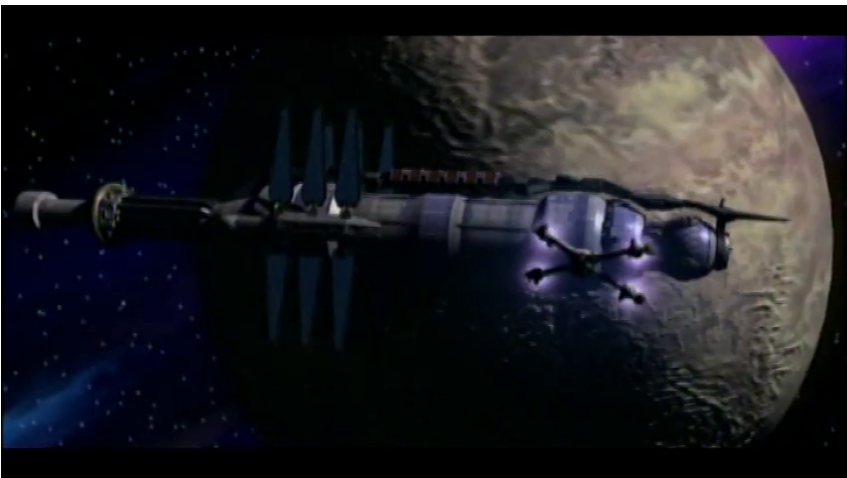
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JIM THAT'S RIGHT i'll be your publicity consultant during the emergency boss, and you'll win the election with a land slide victory one more time

KURT I'll find out what's up and reassure the people before I let SNIGLEYS liberals do there half baked hermogeney then I can retire. Signal the BUGLE we are coming up and were docking .

The shuttle glides into the cargo bay and a conveyor belt takes it to a silo next to other shuttlecraft .The cargo Bay repressurises



KURT, JIM and BRUNSTAN walk down the gangplank and are greeted by LINKS .

COMMANDER LINKS Greetings president KURT, follow
me to the briefing room KURT I
want a meeting with CAPTAIN GAMMA immediately
. LINKS Follow me to the
briefing room

They walked down out of the cargo Bay and down our main gantry
pass SONTARONS who salute LINKS then into a large room
dominated by an oblong glass table with a large LCD monitor on the
far wall .

GAMMA C ome in KURT these are my officers but
you arrive at a very busy time. KURT I need to
know how you are going to defend CLANERIA
X CAPTAIN GAMMA .I have
informed CANDEREL the Hub of the GALACTIC FEDERATION
who are sending some of their advanced Fighters and a
DRACONIAN battleship to this sector of
space. KURT I WAS SHOCKED TO THE
CORE as i watched on the news my planet came near to invasion
.well done for winning and i can stop my people will be
panicking. COMMANDER LINKS Typical
humanoids they get hysterical over anything, i should know
. KURT Oh yeah how's that then
. COMMANDER LINKS I've just
finished an enforced exile on planet earth the third planet of Were
hysteria is a way of life . [see mission to Moscow]

CAPTAIN GAMMA they will take their seats in the larger
long glass table and science officer Brunstan activate a wall mounted
LCD monitor just as LINKS dims the lights.

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN I've analyzed the space

ships and they come from a near system, , they are used as workers for the humans of KALDOR, with whom we have a non aggression pact with.

KURT Yes they serve drinks and are very polite and obliging .I know one of the first Masters

MAGENTA If they're on our side why did they attack us

GAMMA We better go and ask them prepare the vigilance for hyperdrive over to the Delta quadrant

KURT The first masters of KALDOR won't want you arriving with your battlecruiser.

LINKS They'll have to lump it till we get an answer

JIM Lump it what do you mean by lump it

LINKS On Earth where I've been stranded I picked up some of their language .

KURT How about i take the BUGLE with a small crew and go and ask TAMM MENZIES in the central city of KALDOR

CAPTAIN GAMMA we hyperjump very soon and i was going to contact FIRST MASTERS OF KALDOR and demand an explanation

KURT Let me do it captain, i'm more friendly
and i'll take some of your warriors , it will be good for them, what do
you say LINKS you've worked with humans

GAMMA Yes alright it's agreed bring the BUGLE in
for docking onto the VIGILANT and i'll send you on ahead to
KALDOR



Starship VIGILANT warps out of hyperspace and BUGLE undocks . It's main engines thrust towards KALDOR.

ON BOARD KURT is in the cockpit with GAMMA and LINKS standing either side .

KURT JIM can you get TAMM MENZIES on the blower and say we need a chin wag he knows where .

TAMM MENZIES Yes KURT you liked the TOTAL
SENSORY EMULSION DEVISES .

KURT yes THE BEST BATH I'VE HAD IN

LIGHT YEARS MATE, I'VE a bit of a crisis so lets keep this private .

TAMM MENZIES Alright you can come down and I'll meet you at the SLUG and LETTUCE .

They follow the SONTARANS along the main gantry saluting warriors then climb a vertical ladder to the flight deck and enter an airlock into the BEAGLE .

KURT takes his seat at the centre of the bridge surrounded by an octagonal guardrail and BRAD directs GAMMA, LINKS ,and MAGENTA behind him .

The forward view shows planet KALDOR

From the main speaker they hear a synthesized ambidextrous voice;-

bugle I have you on positive track

JIM I'm being directed to Omega station it seems incoming ships dock for quarantine .

JIM Pilots the BUGLE to Omega station and docks on one of the outer modules .



They leave the flight deck and walk the main gantry and through the cargo airlock where CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY and TAMM MENZIES greet them .

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY Welcome to OMEGA STATION we like to give visitors a full induction before sending them down to KALDOR CITY

TAMM MENZIES And gives them temporary passes to all our facilities CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY Follow us to the briefing Room .

TAMM MENZIES You say you've had some problems with some of our robots that doesn't sound very likely .

They walk through from the7 cargo bay to an outer walkway , a wide hexagonal structure with resin panelling soft lighting and charcoal gray tiled carpets .

GAMMA The robots of KALDOR are the same design as those

that attacked us .

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY All our robots are
completely reliable as I've been saying to the PREMIER OF
GALDA PRIME SLIM PICKENS .

They walk through the main gantry past flight suited officers In color
coded uniforms to the briefing room dominated by an oblong glass
table with chrome and wicker chairs .

They're greeted by a mature man in a cream suit and a stepson hat .

SLIM PICKENS It seems we've got a very expanding
colony on GALDA PRIME .

TAMMA MENZIES Must be something in the water .

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY In exchange for all their
technical abilities and Resources we're going to be expanding our
mining operations for precious metals on GALDA PRIME .

TAMM MENZIES And the V-O-C plays a big part in
that so the last thing we want is you casting doubts on their
reliability during trade negotiations

SLIM PICKENS I'll be taking back some more of
your V-O-C robots to GALDA PRIME -Planet of Tasteless Pleasures
.

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY I'll pilot you down I've
got some shore leave at ARCADIA .

KURT
ARCADIA .

I've heard so much about

LINKS
for humans ,

Yes primitive but rather good

They leave the conference room to a wide hexagonal walkway with resin panels soft lighting and charcoal gray tiled carpets , then into the large concave shuttle bay with a bank of shuttles Evenly spaced in their silos .

The captain uses her wrist communicator to activate a gang plank and the humans and SONTARANS walk up and strap in .

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY takes the command console and conveyor belts move the shuttle from it's Silo to the outer Hatch . The BAY depressurises and the larger concave doors open to reveal the black void of space The shuttle glides out and maneuvers around the space station heading straight for the upper atmosphere

As it glides into the atmosphere in his buffeted by slipstreams and then through a cloud bank . It sweeps low over the blind heart desert and into KALDOR CITY to land at a space port .



They walk down the gangplank and wait for a ground car piloted by a V-O-C robot and step up to a platform then taken to terminal 1.

JIM well this is all very high tech isn't it .

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY They're very advanced
on KALDOR

KURT `But it's not for everyone ,you
can't fart without company central's permission .7

The ground car docks in it's silo and they go through a glass fronted entrance with passengers waiting for their connection to galactic destinations and follow v35 to a wall mounted INTERCOM, where they're given temporary city passes .

A KALDOR POLICE meets them to take them for there meeting with LANDERCHILD .

BILL TARRENT I'll take you to COMPANY CENTRAL
where you have a meeting with first master LANDERCHILD . have a
nice time ELISABETH .

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY I'll get one of my

groupies is to wake me up so I call purple alert back on Omega station .

BILL TARRENT Stick with me it's quite safe
They join a group and step onto a conveyor belt the takes them
through KALDOR CITY .

It's late evening and street lamps cast isolated silver pools along the length of the conveyor through a landscape garden to a central plaza with an augmented fountain .



they follow TARRANT to a waste high console and keys in their destination and join another RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM two companies Central through the glass front entrance to the offices of FIRST MASTER LANDERCHILD and follow him to his office .

GAMMA I have to convey the urgency of this mission to find out who attacked us

KURT And whether it presents a clear and Present
Danger to the entire galactic Federation

STENTON TARRENT LANDERCHILD will decide to inform the Hive Council as and when he thinks necessary .

They sit themselves at a large oblong glass desk in chrome and wicker chairs .

LINKS We were attacked near CENTAURUS by federation
pursuit ships with heavy armaments piloted by your V-O-C robots .

LANDERCHILD You have evidence of this our robots are highly regarded KALDOR Runs on V-O-C robots and we're expanding throughout the whole Galactic Empire .

KURT And we don't want to upset your quest for
the galactic conquest

STENTON TARRENT The expansion of the whole Empire
depends on them .

LANDERCHILD I need solid evidence before I can take
this of a high gouts

MAGENTA activates a wall mounted monitor showing a blow up of the cockpit of the PURSUIT SHIPS

LANDERCHILD You can come to the next meeting of the
high council

TARRENT This is the sort of thing that the
SONS OF KALDOR and CULT OF TARREN CAPEL belive in .

LANDERCHILD The CULT OF TARREN CAPEL have
always said that the voc robots will rise up and maybe overthrow
their Masters

MAXELL That's what they say at there rallies but we never believed them and you have to give the people some free expression .

LANDERCHILD Or lose essential voters who are coming
up nicely for election day .

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN Well we've made the contingency against that with a such shutdown code Key to each individual unit

MAGENTA Suppose they take off their serial code
and they scratch off their book so you can't identify them .

MAXELL No they constantly sending out their identifying codes

KURT Suppose they stop sending .

LANDERCHILD We'll I never said the system was perfect

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN And if they stop
sending maybe they've been taken over by this rogue program that
your SONS OF KALDOR keep talking about

KURT And what about rival programs from this

Cult of taran Capel .

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN Unfortunately there's evidence that TARAN CAPEL left the company and sort sanctuary in the blind heart desert on STORM MINE FOUR .

LINKS WHATS THAT, I've been stranded on a planet in the Western spiral arm at the Milky Way galaxy

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN Oh that one SOL 3 the inhabitants refer to it the planet Earth or dirt or some such foolishness .

LANDERCHILD A STORM MINE is a large vehicle for collecting valuable precious metals SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN They head into a STORM and collect traces PALLADIUM and LUKANOL from the solar winds .

KURT I was offered spliff once and decided to replace both my lungs with plastic explosive and hit a dead man switch I've heard some howlers but that takes a biscuits .

LANDERCHILD By then he put a homicidal operating system into his group of robots under an assumed identity and only COMMANDER UVANOV ,with LISH TOOS managed to stop the crew being killed off one by one .

LINKS What happened to taran Capel

LANDERCHILD One of his own robots chucked him out of an airlock on its way back to KALDOR CITY .

MAXELL You key in their serial number and then point your risk communicator and we unit will shut down .

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN Could the V-O-C robots be sabotaging our Society from the inside GAMMA The evidence is very damning .

MAGENTA Are they being controlled from here or by one of our enemies .

LANDERCHILD Increasingly the more sophisticated they are and the desire for interaction they should upload their consciousness at the end of their workshift

LINKS OR WHEN THE SHUTTERS COME DOWN AND THE SHOPS SHUT

LANDERCHILD That's is what the SUPERVOC WORKERS UNION wants .

GAMMA LINKS if you would like to go with COMMANDER MAXILL to the robot production plants we'll see if some of the plants technicians can show you in the robot assembly line .

LANDERCHILD Monitor I'm sending commander Maxwell over to the robot assembly line can you page can you get a hold of casting Largo

a synthesized ambidextrous Voice says

CASTAN LAGO is off Duty at ARCADIA.

LANDERCHILD Tell him it's urgent and tell him to meet

COMMANDER MAXELL at the ASSEMBLY PLANT .

LINKS Why is it an assembly plant

LANDEDCHILD Because if I fluff my lines then the leaves can move a fraction and compensate for the error and none of the plebs of KALDOR will ever find out .

CASTAN LAGO The other plant being the rubber plant next to the out-of-date yoga magazines and the coffee machine you Rascal .

LINKS follows MAXELL to a large metallic tube in the corner of central operations and they enter a travel tube that whisks them in four directions and out of the operations block over the skyline of KALDOR in a perspex tube .

Far down bellow they see tropical garden throughout the city ,and the travel tube goes through steel iris that opens into a large steel lattice depositing them at the factory floor .

They disembark to find themselves in a large Cavern with resin plastic plinths and robots in various stages of assembly .

At a SKYSCRAPER in the north west quadrant of KALDOR CITY technician CASTAN LAGO is finishing his tour for the BUGAL away team past the the robot assembly line and into the design office .

CASTAN LAGO After TARAN CAPEL left the company and sought sanctuary on STORM MINE 4 he took his notes and core BIOS and MACHINE CODE which have been expanded on with increasing demand for V-O-C robots so it's always been a threat there could be dormant programs within the operating system .

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN Desire to expand the galactic Federation has increased robot production many of which still have the same core programs of taran Capel .

KURT Created before he left KALDOR to seek sanctuary

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN If the CULT OF TARREN CAPEL are correct it's those programs that can initiate a robot Revolution .

CASTAN LAGO And now we have evidence that off-world these OC robots have broken their programs we have to

analyze all circuits and upgrade the whole programming with my technical section .

COMMISSIONER MILES a V-O-C robot has 37 multi-level constraints that stop him from harming it's human Masters .

MAXELL If what these SONTARANS say is true and if I get confirmation I'll give you all the resources you need to get them reprogramed .

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN Those robots off the assembly line and all the robots on their Active Service .

CASTAN LAGO Their daily experiences are lost when they shut down and my new mandate from company Central, which I'm proud to say I instigated personally , in cooperation with the amalgamated Union of SUPERVOC is to upload their experiences into a mainframe when they reach a docking station at the end of their shift .

LINKS Does that make them more or less subservient

CASTAN LAGO With all due respect the complexity of these silicone based units means we're dealing with a new life and to have their short-term memory arrays at the end of their shift is HEARTBREAKING

SCIENCE OFFICER BRUNSTAN Which I presume happened with the early models from this plant .

CASTAN LAGO it took us a while to realize that was a terrible waste and very upsetting .

GAMMA so I've been told that as chief technician are you getting the results of malfunctions .

CASTAN LAGO Oh I'm sorry I thought this was a public relations exercise I can't keep an eye on everything now leave that to company Central .

LINKS we're only here because we were attacked at CENTAURUS by pursuit ships loaded to Bear With missiles which are banned by most sectors of the galactic Federation .

CASTAN LAGO If there is a malfunction it's not at this end .

GAMMA I have to stay here and my investigations are complete

CASTAN LAGO All those experiences can then be collated by COMPANY CENTRAL and fed back to the SUPERVOC who's in charge of a whole Platoon .

LINKS You mentioned when THE SHUTTERS

GO DOWN

CASTAN LAGO

Oh that's just an expression in the shopping centers and and night markets they use our new robots for transport and many tasks,

GAMMA

They want to keep all their experiences they've accumulated throughout their working day .

Back in the control center LANDERCHILD gets a call on his wrist communicator and a synthesised ambidextrous voice says :-

[A large group of V-O-C robots have left their workstations at MANTA residency .](#)

He calls up PRECINCT 13 Where STENTON TARRENT is in the gymnasium .

LANDERCHILD

TARRENT get over to MANTA a group of V-O-C have left their workstation , detain them if you can and protect the residence .

TARRENT

I'll gather my men and we'll be straight over .

LANDERCHILD

Hopefully this breakout of robots won't spread to Cyprus corners COMMISSIONER MILES MOON BOOTS and DINNER SUITS let's get to work

LANDEDRCHILD

If you can't sit quietly and listen to the roll call I'll screw your boots to the floor I've got a screwdriver .

TARRANT

Some schweps vodka and some fresh orange juice yes .

MAXELL

THREE BAGS FULL SIR





He put on there red uniform with silver moon boots and flowing white cape and joins the rest of his team who go down to ground level and take a ground car with a metal base and a plastic canopy and a pre-programmed flight plan to the residency of MNATA

TARRENT gets a call on his wrist communicator and a synthesised ambidextrous voice says :-

robots have left their domestic duties in apartments and have assembled at the ground floor shopping centre

The KALDOR POLICE walk up to the centre manager who's outside a modern sky scraper after calling an evacuation .

BARCLAY SILVER I've evacuated all staff and customers from the ground floor but some of the residents are still in their apartment their trapped in their homes

The V-O-C have assembled in the mall and started building Barricades

TARRENT CARVER clear that conveyor belt of citizens , phone through and send a man up to stop them alighting .

V-O-C start battering down the main door of MANTA

KALDOR POLICE line up near the front entrance .

TARRENT So they intent on getting out and we have civilians trapped in their apartments open the doors .

BARKLAY SILVER uses his key to unlock the glass fronted entrance and theY stand back letting V-O-C ROBOTS walk out past them to the conveyor belt .

The RAPID TRANSIT take them through a tropical garden towards the center where they assemble near a waste high console and a key in their destination .

Once activated the 8ft DIMENSION GATE with vertical 8 foot arcs rotate 40 degrees creating a rippling mercury Pool at it's Centre and fifty V-O-C robots walk straight through .



From speaker mounts in discrete places throughout the residential areas and the factories this and the sports leisure complexes the synthesized ambidextrous voice of MONITOR City mainframe computer says [all citizens stand by for announcement from FIRST MASTER LANDERCHILD]

LANDERCHILD Instruct all V-O-C robots to go to their docking bay and upload their consciousness to MONITOR [companies central apologize is for the inconvenience]